

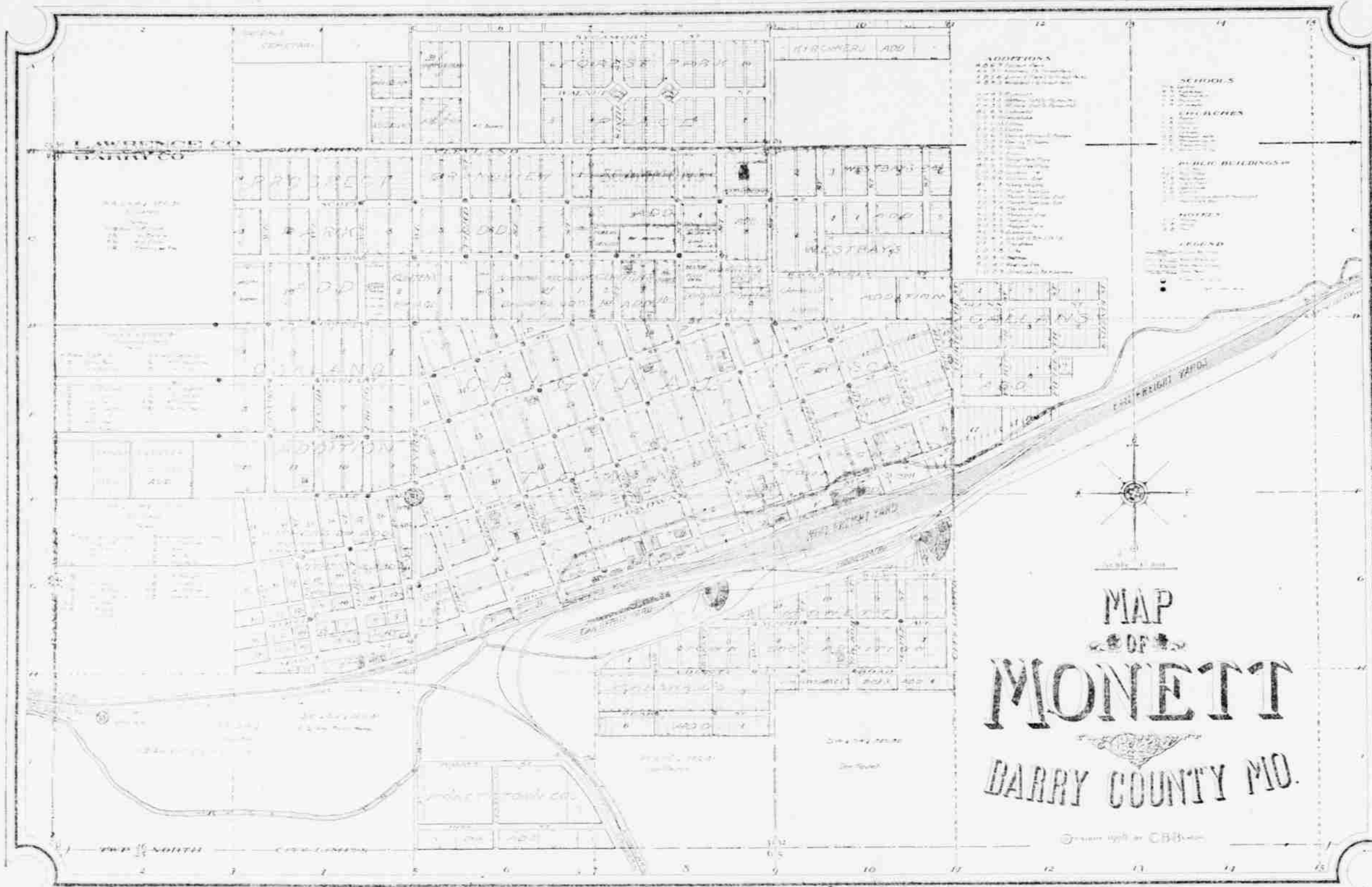
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What This Map Shows.



The symbol indicated here, is used to represent an ARC LAMP of the most improved design and of Candle Power equal to any carbon lamp on the market. It is rated at the factory at 2000 candle power and is the best lamp obtainable.



This symbol indicates a TUNGSTON LAMP of 60 Candle Power. This lamp has the highest efficiency of any lamp used in practical street lighting in this country and an installation of these lamps together with the arc lamps shown will make Monett ONE OF THE BEST LIGHTED CITIES IN THE STATE.

After looking at this map, don't you think that a street lamp on nearly ever corner in town will light the town pretty well? If you think so a vote for the MUNICIPAL PLANT will secure these lamps. Think it over and vote "YES" on Saturday the 26th.

SUMMARY OF THE LIGHTING QUESTION

To those who have been following the discussion of the electric situation through the papers, several things have been made clear and the Committee will endeavor to summarize these in order that the issue may be placed squarely before the citizens of Monett. No attempt has been made to belog the public with technical descriptions, which at best are only to be understood by engineers or those very familiar with electric matters, but rather to place the matter in a simple and common sense light and to supply to the city business, the same rule of business sagacity as an individual would apply to his own business.

In the first place, because of the almost universal demand for lights, evinced by the petition signed by over five hundred (500) of the representative citizens of Monett, the Council have placed before them two propositions, namely: to purchase and enlarge the plant of the existing company, or to provide and install an entirely new system.

As to the first, it has been brought out by the discussion on this subject, that practically all the station equipment of the present company was purchased second hand from the St. Joseph Light, Heat & Power company and has since been in service here. It has also been shown that the line was, in the main, constructed a number of years ago and that at present is in a condition which, for the safety of the public, demands that it be used in the future, that this line be entirely rebuilt and be placed high enough to cease to be a menace to those living on streets where these electric wires are now run.

It has also been shown that the wire is of two small a size to make it possible for lamps in the western part of the town to be burned to their full candle power without destroying those nearer the downtown district, also that the cost of moving the machinery from its present location to that now occupied by the city pumping plant

would practically be equal to the installation cost of entirely new machinery. After such a move has been made, the city would then be under the necessity of purchasing additional machinery in order to possess enough station equipment to supply enough current for both street and incandescent lighting, thus giving a number of small units which, to say the least, is the most uneconomical installation possible.

When the plant had been acquired, it would be necessary to remove practically all of the present company's lines and build new as it would not be possible to extend the present lines to furnish current to the lamps as shown on the cut above, if indeed it were practical to do so. In fact, because of the smallness of the wires from the central station, this could not be done without entirely reconstructing the entire distributing system.

Speaking from a financial standpoint, it is difficult to see how such a proposition could be submitted to the intelligent voter for his approval.

To those who have not gone into

this thoroughly, it might seem that if the plant of the present company were purchased for a lump sum, the expense to the city of Monett would terminate there. This however, would not be the case as the rebuilding of the line, and re-equipping it with modern lamps and of moving and installing the equipment of the present company, would cost practically as much as building the municipal plant complete, and the city would then be in possession of a quantity of antiquated equipment much of which could not be used. No saving would be effected by such a move on the part of the council and in fact, it would be a difficult matter to justify such an act.

Another proposition which has been advanced is that of making a twenty year contract for the lighting of the streets of Monett at an annual cost of \$1440.00, the streets to be lighted with 80 40 candle-power lamps and 7 arc lamps for midnight service only.

It requires but little consideration to see that in twenty years, besides giving away a valuable

lighting franchise, the city will pay \$28,800.00 for a service which would light the streets, but one half of the night, and at the end of that time the city would be

in the position of one who had "paid his money" and still had nothing to show for it.

The solution of the problem in the minds of the council is for the city to build and operate a municipal plant.

A few places may be mentioned where Municipal Plants have been a success and if space would permit, the list could be greatly enlarged, among these may be mentioned: Herrington, Kan., Topeka, Kan., Joplin, Mo., Anthony, Kan., Grand Island, Neb., Clay Center, Kan., Silverton, Colo., Red Cloud, Neb., and others and Electric Plants have been recently, or are about to be installed in Arkansas City, Kan., Apache, Okla., Albion, Neb., Antlers, Okla., Brady, Tex., Bryan, Tex., Bellville, Ia., Blackwell, Okla., Braymer, Mo., Cladon, Kan., St. John, Kan., Cuba, Kan., Conway Springs, Kan., Crowell, Tex., Clovis, New Mex., Osage City, Kan., California, Mo., Ellis, Kan., Delphos, Kan., Fairmont, Neb., Forsyce, Ark., Farmington, Ia., Granite, Okla., Highland, Kan., Hooker, Okla., McCurtain, Okla., Mart, Tex., Marion, Kan., Mineral, Kan., almost as many others.

In considering this question the Committee request a careful inspection of the map printed above. On this will be seen the approximate location of the proposed municipal system. Locate your house on this map and see if there is not a light on the corner near it and then go to the polls and vote "Yes" which will mean that the City and not a private company will maintain a light on that corner and that it will burn, not one half of the night, but all night, and remember that enough revenue can be made with current at 8 1/2 c per kilowatt to pay the interest on the bonds after the plant has been gotten into good running condition.

COMMITTEE.

Garey-Wilks.

Yesterday at the Presbyterian Manse the Rev. M. A. Prater united in marriage C. H. Garey of Monett, Mo., and R. M. Wilks of Verona, Mo.—Aurora Argus.

Mrs. Dan Guinney and Mrs. B. McCaslin went to Mound Valley, Kan., this morning. They went to attend the funeral of Mrs. R. Thrall, who died Wednesday.

G. M. Wood visited in Sarcoxie this week.

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